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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Botha, et al.

Serial No.: 09/779,237

Filed: February 8, 2001

For: The Regulation and Manipulation of  
Sucrose Content in Sugarcane

Examiner: R. Kallis

Group Art Unit: 1638

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**NOTIFICATION OF EXTENSION OF TIME**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby takes an Extension of Time for responding to the Office Action dated March 14, 2003 for two months from June 14, 2003 to August 14, 2003.

(CHECK HOW MANY MONTHS  
EXTENSIONS TAKEN) Large Entity

<input type="checkbox"/>	First Month	\$110.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Second Month	\$420.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Third Month	\$950.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fourth Month	\$1,450.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fifth Month	\$1,970.00

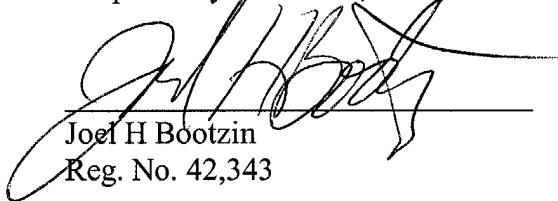
**TOTAL BEFORE SUBTRACTION OF PREVIOUS EXTENSION** \$950.00

Registration date: 6/13/2003  
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Previous extension paid:	\$410.00
New value of 2 month extension after October 1, 2003 fee amount changes	\$420.00
3 month time extension fee due:	\$950.00
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$530.00</b>	

A check in the amount of \$530.00 has been submitted herewith to include the aforementioned fees payable to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks. Please charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to the Deposit Account No. 18-2284 of Piper Rudnick. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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August 14, 2003